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ONE OF THE GREATEST.

THE FIRST NEGRO TO PRESIDE OVER A NATIONAL CONVENTION.

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Of Mississippi, was born in Concordia Parish, Louisiana, September 10th, 1847, but has lived in Adams County, Mississippi since 1863. He was appointed Justice of the Peace, Adams County, Natchez in 1869 and served in that capacity until November the same year, when he was elected to the Legislature from his county, and re-elected in 1871, serving the last term as Speaker of the House. He was chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of Mississippi from 1871 to 1889. Was a member of the 43rd, 44th and 47th Congresses, where he served with distinction and honor. Was a delegate to the National Republican Convention at Philadelphia in 1872, serving on the committee on Platform and Resolutions. Was a delegate to the National Republican Convention at Chicago in 1884, where he presided as temporary chairman. Again in 1888 he was a delegate to the National Republican Convention at Chicago, serving on the committee of Platform and Resolutions. He was appointed by President Harrison, Fourth Auditor of Treasury May 17, 1889, which position he now holds. A fluent and eloquent speaker, his services are ever in demand at public gatherings. Mr. Lynch has long been considered one of the best equipped representatives in the race. His whole career has been such as to reflect credit and honor upon the race he represents.

THE WORLD'S FAIR.

NO SEPARATE EXHIBIT WILL BE COUNTEANANCED.

The recent action of the Board of Control of the World's Columbian Commission will prove of interest to the colored people of the country, as well as answer a number of questions which are frequently asked. It is as follows:—

RESOLVED, That this Board deems it expedient to direct any distinctions to be made between American Exhibitors and that the matter of Installation ought to be left to the direction of the Department having charge of the Installation of Exhibits.

From this action it is readily understood that a separate exhibit will not be countenanced by the Exposition Managers, and makes it all the more evident why the organization of Industrial Associations to care for colored people's exhibits in the several states should at once be inaugurated. In this connection, and for this purpose, a proposition has been submitted to the Chief of the Department of Publicity and Promotion requesting that the newly appointed colored alternate commissioner, Mr. Hale Parker, of Missouri, assisted by an attaché of the Promotion Department, be authorized to go into the several states for the purpose of organizing such societies. This, if done, or it might be said if countenanced by the several localities to be benefited will give to the colored people, as well as to the Exposition, a co-equal share of responsibility in the matter of the collection of their exhibits. Besides, this plan of organizing would in no way interfere with the efforts the states themselves will make for the general exhibits. In short, it will simply be the starting point of encouragement for the states to follow in reference to colored exhibitors.

These associations need not be officered by Exposition officials, and the expense thereof would be borne by each individual locality where organized.

As this whole subject of Industrial Organizations have been very fully outlined in former contributions on this subject, the pro and con of the proposition can now be left to the gentle criticism of those who are anxious to speak their sentiments on this topic. It may be said nevertheless, that unless some tangible plan is soon put in operation that the time will have gone by for anything whatever of a practical nature to be formulated.

Major Handy, Chief of the Department of Publicity and Promotion of the Exposition, has appointed Mr. Lewis Anderson, one of Washington's brightest journalistic tyroes, and a talented young man of the race, to a position in the Press Department of the Fair.

THEY SAY



It is the fool who laughs.

Be kind to the just and fair to a fool.

Great men are full of thought.

People are wise when they act so.

There will be trouble in the air.

The next convention will be a hot one.

Henry Lacy is a jolly good fellow.

He is one of the best known men in this city.

Johnson of the Appeal should take a rest.

Don't forget what your enemies do to you.

It is the talkative man that you must watch.

Sprague is no fool.

The Appeal man should not fail to publish the record of the editor he spoke about a few weeks ago.

Men who make promises should fulfill them.

The people of St. Paul will be looking for the editor's record.

Andrew Jackson Clemmons who told an editor of Spartanburg, S. C., that he was at one time minister to Liberia, is in town.

Some people over estimate their strength.

Very unfortunate things happen sometimes.

Rev. Gray is pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist church.

That 5000 dollars debt will be raised.

Some people change churches as often as they change their religion.

Call to the Bee office and get your job printing done.

Correspondents should sign their names to articles.

It is natural for some people to talk.

Don't be alarmed when you hear a cry.

Prof. Browne is the favorite teacher in the High School.

Be kind to your best girl.

It is a very long lane that has no turn.

Be on the alert.

Don't trust everybody.

Maud Tazewell is a beauty.

She is one of the prettiest girls in the Creole troupe.

Florence is artful as well as entertaining.

She reads a great deal.

Kernan will give the Negroes a show.

Demonstrate what you can do and the world will appreciate it.

Great talent is hard to obliterate.

Always watch the man who shows his teeth.

The man who abuses another and found riding with him is a dangerous individual.

Foreman Penicks is making a record.

The central republican committee

should be reorganized.

There should be fair elections.

There is no rest for policy writers.

Surprises are numerous.

Smoke Uncle Bob Brown's cigars.

The boys were out in full to see the Creoles last week.

ALL HONOR TO HARRISON.

HE DOES JUSTICE TO COLORED AMERICANS.

Every act of President Harrison, since he has been in the Executive chair, has been in the interest of the people. The jury that convicted the Nevassa rioters was controlled more by prejudice than it was by the facts that were presented to the jury. The President does not commute the sentences of these men because they are Negroes, but because the evidence does not warrant the execution of these men. The President gives the following reasons for commuting the death sentences of these men:

"I have examined with care the papers submitted in these cases and am not willing that the death sentences should be executed.

"The killing was, as to each of the prisoners, satisfactorily established, and that it was felonious is also clear. But the conditions surrounding the prisoners and their fellows were of a most peculiar character. They were American citizens under contracts to perform labor upon specified terms within American territory, removed from any opportunity to appeal to any court or public officer for redress of any injury or the enforcement of any civil right. Their employers were in fact their masters. The bosses placed over them imposed fines and penalties without any semblance of trial. These penalties extended to imprisonment and

over to the cruel practice of trying men up for a refusal of work.

Escape was impossible and the state of things generally such as might make men reckless and desperate. The United States government should provide by law for the execution of contract to labor in Nevada, before a public officer, whose duty it should be to see that the men who go to labor are well informed as to the nature of the obligations assumed, and should maintain on the island an official with power to hear complaints and to adjudicate controversies. I have within a few weeks been compelled to send a war vessel to the island to investigate the complaint of a workman who by a letter complained to me that he was forcibly detained beyond the time contracted for. A report upon the case has just been received which finds that the complaint of the man of an unjust detention upon the island was true. A board of naval officers from the Kearsarge made inquiry into the condition of things upon the island, and concluded their report as follows:

"We would desire to state further that the discipline maintained on the island seems to be that of a convict establishment without its comforts and clean linen, and that until more attention is paid to the shipping of the laborers by placing it under government supervision to prevent misunderstandings and misrepresentations and until some amelioration is shown in the treatment of the laborers these disorders will be of constant recurrence. In this connection we desire to say that the fault does not seem to be with the superintendent, but with the company, which neglects to heed his recommendation and further to supply food of a quality and at the proper times for it to be both sufficient and palatable."

"This is not a case for a pardon; the crime was a very grave one, but taking into account all of the antecedents and incidents I have concluded to commute the sentences to imprisonment for life. The sentences in the cases of Geo. S. Key, Henry Jones, and Edward Smith, convicted of murder in the circuit court of the United States for the District of Maryland and sentenced to be hanged, are each commuted to imprisonment for life at hard labor in the penitentiary. (Signed) BENJ. HARRISON.

WHAT IS THOUGHT OF IT.

The recent speech of John H. Smyth, if correctly reported, shows that he is trying to array one faction of our people against the other.

Any man who tries to create a hard feeling against his neighbor on account of color is no man at all. We are not personally acquainted with the ex Minister to Liberia, but judging him from some of his utterances we are inclined to the belief that he is either crazy or a candidate for a lunatic asylum. If his neighbor meets with better success than he, who is to blame? Why should this man Smyth try to create race prejudice at Washington? Has he been tabooed on account of color or worth? If the conditions of which he speaks do exist in Washington, Smyth cannot change them, but simply make matters worse. —Leavenworth Advocate.

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

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More people interested in the welfare of our race.

Mothers more interested in their daughters.

More select people for some of our choirs.

More devotion between husband and wife.

More peace in the churches.

Our monied men start an institution where our girls can be employed.

Young men more anxious to learn trades.

Our color patronize our professional men.

Less quarrels among newspaper men.

A first class hotel where young ladies can go without suspicion.

More cash subscribers to the Bee.

MAKING CHILDREN MIND.

Parents should be careful to make only reasonable demands upon their children's obedience, but, when once made to enforce them implicitly. One should be very careful never to enter into a contest over a point that cannot be enforced.

A child may be made to do certain things, but no power on earth can force him to do others, or to say words that he has made up his mind not to say. The prudent mother will enforce her authority and teach obedience on ground that she is sure of being able to hold. Points that she knows she cannot carry she will avoid until the habit of obedience is formed, and then there will be no discussion.—The Ladies' Home Journal.

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